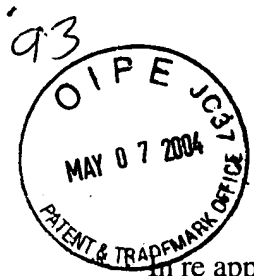


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Examiner: Kristal J. FEGGINS

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For: PRINTER FOR USE WITH THERMAL TRANSFER MATERIAL

**SECOND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner initials and acknowledges the Form PTO-1449 that was originally filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 1, 2001. This request was first made in Applicant's Amendment filed on August 29, 2003.

The Examiner indicated in the Office Action of November 6, 2002 that the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 1, 2001 (hereinafter "IDS"), fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. The Examiner further indicated that the IDS has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

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Applicant asserts that the Examiner has overlooked another aspect of the requirements of the rules. More specifically, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the copies sought by the Examiner were properly provided in the parent application in the present case as explained in the IDS submitted on June 1, 2001.

The Office Action Summary sheet (form PTO-326) indicated that IDS Paper No. 3 was attached. Applicant notes that the Examiner did not initial next to the references on the attached IDS form. Therefore, Applicant requests that, the Examiner return an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on June 1, 2001, indicating that the references therein have been considered by the Examiner. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant submits herewith a clean PTO-1449 for the Examiner to initial.

A copy of the paper as filed is attached for your convenience.

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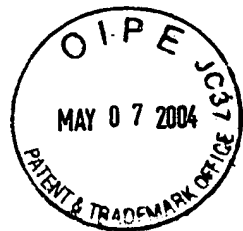
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form which are all the references of record in parent application No. 09/588,343. Applicant is not submitting duplicate copies of these references but requests that they be listed on the face of any patent granted on the above application. (See 37 CFR §1.98(d)) Copies of any cited copending applications, if not previously submitted, are being submitted herewith.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not

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waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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